

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Robert Floyd Payne

Docket No.: TI-28881

Serial No.: TBD

Examiner: TBD

Filed: 08/22/00

Art Unit: TBD

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TESTING A SERIAL TRANSMITTER
CIRCUIT**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner

of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the above referenced Application as follows:

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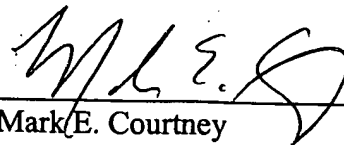
Page 1, before line 1, insert --This application claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/156,013 filed 9/23/99.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examinations is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,



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